

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (71-3129)

FROM : *WJB* SAC, Minneapolis (71-161)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] WAS, ET AL
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
GAMBLING DEVICES

DATE: December 21, 1951

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Re report of [REDACTED] at Omaha dated December 6, 1951, page 10 reflects that the following investigation was conducted at Charles City, Iowa by Special Agent [REDACTED]:

Confidential Informant [REDACTED], of known reliability, advised that he had discreetly ascertained that the Elks Club had sold fourteen slot machines to Jerry's Coin Repair, 410 North Syndacate Street, St. Paul, Minnesota around December 26, 1950. [REDACTED] personally saw a bill of lading for these machines which reflected they were shipped by the McCoy Truck Lines from Charles City, Iowa to St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 26, 1950. [REDACTED] learned that the operator of Jerry's Coin Repair of St. Paul is [REDACTED]. The Elks reportedly sold eight old machines which were believed to be of the Mills make for \$65.00 each and six new machines which were of the Mills make for \$125.00 each.

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Page 15 of the above-mentioned report reflects that Confidential Informant [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] who requested his name be kept confidential.

The Omaha Office should refer to Minneapolis letter to the Bureau, Chicago, Omaha and Springfield dated August 14, 1951 in the above-mentioned case, which reflects that a separate file was opened which is entitled "Jerry's Coin Machine Repair, St. Paul, Minnesota, ITGD". Reference is made in that letter to the fact that [REDACTED] Jerry's Coin Machine Repair, previously was [REDACTED] at the Mayflower Distributing Company.

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In the above-mentioned letter, it was pointed out that the above information should be borne in mind in conducting further investigation regarding this case, bearing in mind that HERMAN PASTER ET AL may possibly have an interest in Jerry's Coin Machine Repair in St. Paul, Minnesota or may be the owner of same "behind the scene".

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CC: 2-Omaha (71-206)
1-Chicago (71-514)
1-Minneapolis (71-172)

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Memo, Director, FBI

12-21-51

Re: [REDACTED]
ITGD

Minneapolis file 71-172 entitled "Jerry's Coin Machine Repair, St. Paul, Minnesota, ITGD" contains a Washington, D.C. report dated August 16, 1951 which reflects that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Jerry's Coin Machine Repair, 410 N. Syndicate St., St. Paul, Minnesota, filed reports through May, 1950. According to records in the possession of the Attorney General, the above firm made no sales of slot machines to date (as of August, 1951) and had in its possession 34 slot machines, and the above-mentioned Washington, D.C. report contains the serial numbers of such machines.

The suggestion is being made to the Omaha Office that possibly further inquiry should be made at the Elks Club and/or McCoy Truck Lines at Charles City, Iowa to verify whether the 14 slot machines were actually transported on December 26, 1950 or whether they may have been transported subsequent to January 2, 1951.

If any investigation is conducted concerning this matter, a copy of the investigative report should be designated for Minneapolis file 71-172 entitled "Jerry's Coin Machine Repair, St. Paul, Minnesota, ITGD".

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Director, FBI

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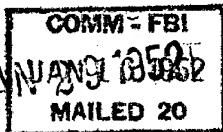
Re Minneapolis let December 29, last. The Washington Field Office should immediately review the records at the Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia, as well as the appropriate Government agencies previously requested this case to determine if photograph of [REDACTED] available. Expedite request.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (71-3129)
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (71-161)
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was. ET AL
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 GAMBLING DEVICES

DATE: 12/29/51

Re Omaha letter to Bureau dated 12/7/51 reflecting that this office expeditiously procure more recent photographs of [REDACTED] and ALBERT GARDNER by means of telephoto photography if necessary.

Also refer to Minneapolis teletype to Bureau and Omaha dated 12/13/51 relative to possibly obtaining the services of a photographic truck.

Also refer to Omaha teletype to Bureau and Minneapolis dated 12/18/51 regarding this matter.

The Omaha and other interested offices were previously furnished with a photograph of ALBERT GARDNER, FBI #283270 which photo was taken in 1936.

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Baltimore memorandum to Omaha, Springfield and Minneapolis, reflects that the Springfield and Omaha offices were furnished with one photograph of ALBERT GARDNER and that this office was furnished with one negative of ALBERT GARDNER, FBI #283270.

It is assumed that the two photographs furnished to the Springfield and Omaha Offices are identical with the above mentioned negative and inasmuch as ALBERT GARDNER filed his application for employment with the Dupont Company on May 12, 1942 and inasmuch as the Baltimore letter states that GARDNER was employed from May, 1942 to July, 1942, it is assumed that this additional photograph of GARDNER was taken in May, 1942, which would be a more recent photograph than the one taken in 1936.

The Omaha Office should advise whether or not this additional photograph of GARDNER taken in 1942, together with the one taken in 1946, is not sufficient and if so it will not be necessary to have this office endeavor to obtain additional photographs.

Minneapolis memorandum to Bureau, Omaha, Chicago, Milwaukee, Springfield and Washington Field Offices dated 11/27/51 requests the Washington Field Office to check the records of the appropriate Governmental Agencies and to specifically ascertain whether or not there is on file any additional photographs for [REDACTED].

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2cc: Omaha (71-206)
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 lcc: Washington Field

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MEMO TO DIRECTOR, FBI

12/29/51

RE: [REDACTED], was. ET AL
ITGD

The Washington Field Office is requested to sutel Omaha and Minneapolis if they are able to locate an additional photograph of [REDACTED].

Minneapolis memorandum to Bureau, Omaha, Chicago, Milwaukee, and Springfield dated 11/26/51 requests the Bureau to check the records at the Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia to specifically ascertain if there is on file an additional photograph of [REDACTED]. The Bureau is requested to sutel Omaha and Minneapolis whether or not an additional photograph has been located.

Minneapolis memorandum to Bureau, Omaha, Chicago, Milwaukee, Springfield and St. Louis dated 11/26/51 requests the St. Louis Office to check War Department records in an effort to obtain an additional photograph. The St. Louis Office should likewise sutel Omaha and Minneapolis as to whether an additional photograph has been located.

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In regard to Omaha teletype to Bureau and Minneapolis dated 12/18/51 suggesting that this office consider contacting photographic studios for a possible available recent photograph of [REDACTED], it is not deemed advisable to conduct such inquiry for the reason that there are a large number of photographic studios in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, many of which are owned and operated by individuals who are of the same nationality as [REDACTED] and it is felt that if open inquiry was made of all of these places that undoubtedly some of them would no doubt contact [REDACTED] and advise him as to the FBI inquiry. Accordingly, this suggested lead will be disregarded unless the Bureau specifically instructs this office to do so.

Newspaper margues in Minneapolis and St. Paul will be checked as suggested by the Omaha Office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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[REDACTED], WAS., ETAL, ITOGD. RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL.

DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY BUREAU
ON USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC TRUCK PENDING RECEIPT OF RECOMMENDATIONS
AND FULL JUSTIFICATION FROM YOUR OFFICE.

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CC: MINNEAPOLIS (BY MAIL)

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FBI, MINNEAPOLIS

12-13-51

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, OMAHA URGENT

 , WAS., ETAL, ITGD. RE OMAHA LET DECEMBER SEVEN
REQUESTING USE OF TELEPHOTO PHOTOGRAPHY. SUREVEY OF SUBJECTS HOME
AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES REFLECTS TELEPHOTO PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS
INSTANT CASE NOT POSSIBLE INASMUCH AS ALL BUILDINGS WITHIN FIVE
HUNDRED FEET ARE ONE STORY AFFAIRS WITH HEAVY BUS, TRUCK, TRAILER
AND STREET CAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN ANY POSSIBLE PLANT AND SUBJECTS.
IF BUREAU AND OMAHA BELIEVE PHOTOS INDISPENSABLE BUREAU SHOULD GIVE
CONSIDERATION TO HAVING A PHOTOGRAPHIC TRUCK MADE AVAILABLE TO
MINNEAPOLIS FROM THE NEAREST OFFICE. THIS OFFICE ALSO HAS A SECURITY
CASE WHEREIN THE SERVICES OF INSTANT TRUCK COULD BE USED ADVANT-
AGEOUSLY. TRUCK SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A TEN DAY PERIOD OR LONGER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OMAHA

FILE No.

REPORT MADE AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/7/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/14, 15, 12/6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21/51; 1/3/52	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] pas
TITLE [redacted] was. ET AL		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

USA St. Paul, Minn. is contacting Attorney General, Washington, D.C. regarding Holly Sales Company who transported machines from Minnesota to Vermont. Efforts being made to obtain later photograph of [redacted]

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DETAILS:

As requested by the Omaha Office, C. U. LANDRUM, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota was advised on December 12, 1951 that Messrs. WILLIAM R. HART and CLOID I. LEVEL, United States Attorney and Assistant United States Attorney respectively for the Southern District of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, advised they had no objection whatever to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota proceeding against the Paster Distributing Company or the Mayflower Distributing Company at any time in any manner he may deem advisable, but they did not desire to drop from consideration or defer prosecution of the Davenport case in favor of any such proceedings unless it should appear that their suggested procedure would seriously impair the successful prosecution of a very substantial and important case in the Minnesota District.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPY IN FILE COPIES OF THIS REPORT ③-Bureau (71-3129) DESTROYED 1-USA, St. Paul 3-Omaha (71-206) (1-USA Des Moines) 1-Chicago (info.) (71-514) 1-Milwaukee (info.) 1-Springfield (info.) (71-100) 1-Albany (info.) 4 - Minneapolis (71-161)	71-3129-94 JAN 9 1952 25 STAT. SECT.	RECORDED - 157 EX.
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Mr. LANDRUM advised that he will do nothing to jeopardize the cases in Iowa.

The matter of whether the Paster Distributing Company and the Holly Sales Company were registered with the Attorney General was discussed with Mr. LANDRUM and especially the information furnished by the Albany Office in their report of December 5, 1951 reflecting that the consignor of the five machines which were confiscated in Vermont was the Holly Sales Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Page five of the Albany report dated December 5, 1951 makes reference to the delivery chute on the five confiscated machines being securely locked and that [] stated that the key remained with the manufacturer.

Mr. LANDRUM advised that he was going to write to write to the Attorney General, Washington, D.C., in regard to the closed chutes to determine whether or not one can get around the law by doing that. He advised further that he will also inquire as to whether the Holly Sales Company should be registered.

Indices of the Minneapolis Office make no reference to [] who was referred to in the Albany report.

The information appearing in the Omaha report dated December 6, 1951 regarding Jerry's Coin Repair, St. Paul, Minnesota, has been incorporated into a separate file which was previously opened on the Jerry's Coin Repair, and the Omaha Office was requested in the separate file on Jerry's Coin Repair to obtain additional data if possible.

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In regard to obtaining more recent photographs of [] and ALBERT GARDNER, the Bureau and Omaha Offices were furnished information by letter dated December 29, 1951 relative to a later photograph which was obtained of ALBERT GARDNER which apparently was taken in May, 1942.

Previously, [] Division of Records, St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department, checked their taxi cab application records which contained photographs, and he advised they never had any record for a ALBERT GARDNER.

The writer and Special Agent [] on December 13, 1951 made a survey of the premises at 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and it was noted that it was not possible to obtain photographs of individuals entering that building for various reasons. University Avenue is the main

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artery between St. Paul and Minneapolis and heavy buses, trucks, trailers, and streetcars continuously go by this building. In addition, the one story building located directly across the street is known to be owned by the Mayflower Distributing Company.

[redacted] of known reliability advised the writer and Special Agent [redacted] that he understands that HERMAN PASTER and his crowd have been delivering some pinball machines to Dave's Distributing Company, 1815 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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The December, 1951 Minneapolis telephone directory lists Dave's Distributing Company, 1815 Riverside Avenue, as having telephone ATLantic 5321, and similar information appears in the December, 1951 Minneapolis street address telephone directory. However, the 1950 Minneapolis City Directory fails to list the above company at the above address.

Indices of the Minneapolis Office likewise make no reference to Dave's Distributing Company.

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INFORMANTS:

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LEADS:

THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At St. Paul, Minnesota

Ascertain from G. U. LANDRUM, United States Attorney, the results of his contact with the Attorney General, Washington, D.C., relative to the Paster Distributing Company and the Holly Sales Company being registered.

Will report the results of the inquiry being made at the St. Paul Dispatch-St. Paul Pioneer Press morgue relative to obtaining more recent photograph of [REDACTED]

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Will report results of investigation being made at Minneapolis Star Journal-Tribune morgue relative to obtaining more recent photograph of [REDACTED]

Incorporate into next report any information which is on file at the Minneapolis Credit Bureau and [REDACTED] regarding Dave's Distributing Company.

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At the Minneapolis telephone company ascertain what their records contain relative to the individuals operating Dave's Distributing Company, 1815 Riverside Avenue, Atlantic 5321, and also when the phone was first installed.

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LEADS CONTINUED:

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will report results of additional investigation presently being conducted at the First National Bank, Minneapolis, and the Internal Revenue Division, St. Paul.

INFORMATION:

The Chicago, Milwaukee, Springfield, and Albany Offices are being furnished a copy of this report for information purposes inasmuch as they are actively interested in the investigation of this case.

REFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED], 12/5/51, at Albany.

Minneapolis teletype to Bureau and Omaha dated 12/13/51.

Minneapolis memos to the Bureau and Omaha dated 12/17/51 and 12/29/51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (71-3129)
 FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (71-161)
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED], was. et al
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
 OF GAMBLING DEVICES

DATE: January 7, 1952

Re Omaha memo to Minneapolis dated October 29, 1951.

After several unsuccessful efforts to locate [REDACTED] at his home address, [REDACTED] Fairmont, Minnesota, telephone [REDACTED] and at his office, the Fairmont Novelty Company, 110 West First Street, Telephone [REDACTED] he was located and interviewed on December 21, 1951 by Special Agent [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated that he has known HERMAN PASTER for many years and knows that PASTER is interested in the slot machine racket and would not be above transporting such machines in interstate commerce. He has not been able to determine the location of the storage place in Iowa where he believes PASTER and his associates have slot machines stored at the present time, but believes that he will be able to do so. He stated that he has been contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Mason City, Iowa several times and is endeavoring to secure information for Agent [REDACTED]. It is noted that [REDACTED] is employed in the servicing work, that is, he handles the servicing of any of the machines, coin operated, that his company has located in this particular area, which covers a large area including Mason City, Iowa, a considerable portion of Northern Iowa, and Southern Minnesota.

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[REDACTED] further stated that he has been contacted and offered twenty slot machines delivered to him at Fairmont, Minnesota from Iowa. He did not care to disclose the name of this person at the time of this interview, but he turned down the offer. He stated that he is well known in the area and is open to such suggestions as most people know that he is in the coin machine business which they do not disassociate with the slot machine business. That is why he believes he will be able to secure information of value.

[REDACTED] stated that he will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Monday, January 7, 1952 and will call at the Minneapolis Office to discuss the possibilities of securing information in this case as he knows [REDACTED] HERMAN PASTER, and several of their associates.

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Memo, Director, FBI
From SAC, Minneapolis

Re: [REDACTED]
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OMAHA

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 1-10-52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-5-52	REPORT MADE BY RIK:db
TITLE [redacted] was., ETAL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] advised subject is brother-in-law of HERMAN PASTER.
[redacted] furnished information regarding possible contacts of PASTER in handling Hollycrane machines.

*1-19-52
McHenry*

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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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[redacted] advised that Subject **[redacted]** is **[redacted]** of HERMAN PASTER, who is the operator of the Holly Sales Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul 4, Minnesota, Telephone Number Nestor 7901. He advised that HERMAN PASTER also operates the Progress Finance Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul 4, Minnesota through which the hollycrane machines are financed.

[redacted] advised that PASTER usually discounts his papers through the Midway National Bank or the First Bank Corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota. **[redacted]** also advised that PASTER operates the Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul 4, Minnesota.

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[] advised that the following individuals are possible outlets of HERMAN PASTER for the distribution of hollycrane machines:

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*Apex Distributing Company,
1017-8th Street, South,
Fargo, North Dakota.

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SAM PARAN, Distributing Company,
2820 Northwest 7th Street,
Miami, Florida, an uncle of
HERMAN PASTER

Unknown Distributing Company,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
Hilltop 4-5425

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[]
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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*Mayflower Distributing Company,
1209 Douglas Street,
Omaha, Nebraska
Atlantic 3407

[] advised that he has had no recent contact with HERMAN PASTER and he has not shipped any machines to PASTER.

[] advised that his information regarding PASTER's operations has been based upon repeated contacts with the company over a period of years and he has no information of any recent transportation of hollycrane machines by the subject.

[] advised that from his experience with the operation of the company, an easy way of verifying sales of the subject's company would be through the examination of the sales papers on record with the Midway National Bank or the First Bank Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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In view of the fact that this office is not cognizant of the scope of the investigation of this case, no leads have been set forth for verification of the information furnished by

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REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 11-29-51 at Minneapolis

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI, OMAHA

12-18-51

10-21 PM CST

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

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[REDACTED] WAS., ET AL, ITGD. REBUTEL DEC. FOURTEEN LAST.

SUGGESTED USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC TRUCK WAS ORIGINATED BY MINNEAPOLIS. ADEQUATE PHOTO OF [REDACTED] DEEMED HIGHLY DESIRABLE PRIOR TO INSTITUTION OF PROSECUTION TO PERMIT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF HIM BY NUMEROUS POTENTIAL WITNESSES WHO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE DEALT WITH HIM BUT WHO ARE UNABLE TO EFFECT ANY IDENTIFICATION ON BASIS AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPH WHICH DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A REASONABLE RESEMBLANCE TO HIS PRESENT APPEARANCE. SAME APPLIES BUT TO A LESSER DEGREE AS TO SUBJECT GARDNER. BEFORE OMAHA WOULD DESIRE TO RECOMMEND USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC TRUCK, SUGGESTED THAT EVERY OTHER REASONABLE EFFORT TO OBTAIN [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE EXHAUSTED. SUGGESTED THAT MINNEAPOLIS CONSIDER CONTACTING PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIOS AND NEWSPAPER MARGUES IN TWIN CITIES FOR POSSIBLE AVAILABLE RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS ALSO THAT BUREAU ADVISE THE IDENTITY AND ADDRESSES OF SUCH TRADE PUBLICATIONS AS MAY COVER THE JUKE BOX AND COIN MACHINE INDUSTRIES WITH A VIEW TO CHECKING MORGUES AND BACK COPIES SUCH PUBLICATIONS FOR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS.

[REDACTED]
CORRECTION LINE 6 WORD 8 SHD BE "WHICH"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OMAHA

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 12-1-51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/23, 24, 26, 27; 11/1, 2, 5, 7, 13/51	REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted] :ban
TITLE [redacted] was., et al			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] Moline, Illinois, in signed statement admitted furnishing cash 3-1-51 for check in amount of \$2000 drawn by subject [redacted] "in order to purchase some machines over in Iowa and around." Recordac, Rock Island Bank and Trust Company, Rock Island, Illinois, indicates instant check No. 1308 dated 3-1-51, drawn on First National Bank, Minneapolis to the [redacted] in amount of \$2000 by [redacted] and endorsed [redacted] by [redacted]. Witness, Voss Bros. Transfer and Storage Company, Rock Island, Illinois, identified truck and driver AL GARDNER. Witness identifies AL GARDNER as driver of Capitol Airlines Air Freight Truck who had tire repaired on or about 3-2-51. No receipt of this transaction available. Ledger and invoices obtained from GARDNER Music Company, Rock Island, Illinois, reflecting sales of 18 slot machines to American Legion Post 26, Davenport, Iowa, between 5-21-48 and 10-18-49. Five machines identical with those on 8-51 inventory forwarded Attorney General in compliance with Public Law 906 by Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, and 7 other machines, probably identical. [redacted], Eddie's New York Tavern, Rock Island, Illinois, unwilling to comment regarding transaction with [redacted] until advised by attorney.

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SI 71-100.

DETAILS: AT MOLINE, ILLINOIS

[redacted]
[redacted] stated that he cashed a check with his own personal funds for [redacted] on or about March 1, 1951. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

"Moline, Illinois
11-1-51

I, [redacted] make this statement voluntarily to [redacted] and [redacted] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to cause me to make this statement and I know it can be used against me in court. I know I do not have to make this statement and I have been advised of my right to be represented by an attorney.

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I have had numerous business negotiations with [redacted] during the past four years approximately. Those negotiations consisted of the purchase of shuffle alleys from the Paster Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minn., whom [redacted] represents.

[redacted] occasionally has been a guest in my home at [redacted] Illinois, and has conducted business in my store the [redacted], Illinois.

On approximately March 1, 1951 [redacted] came to my place of business and said "[redacted], I need some cash awfully bad in order to purchase some machines over in Iowa and around." Later the same night, [redacted] came to my home where I cashed a check in the amount of \$2000 for him. [redacted] mentioned that he needed more cash than this but was appreciative of my effort to raise the \$2000.

I did not know what type of "machines" [redacted] expected to purchase but at the time I did not believe they were slot machines.

I deposited [redacted] check in the Rock Island Bank Trust Co. at the time I opened an account on or about March 5, 1951.

I have not seen [redacted] since approximately March 1, 1951.

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I do not know Herman Paster personally but have conversed with him on the telephone while in Minneapolis.

I have read this three page written statement above and find it true and correct. I sign voluntarily.

/s/ [redacted]

Witnessed: [redacted] SA, FBI
Springfield
[redacted] SA, FBI
Springfield"

[redacted] in conjunction with [redacted] of the same concern, advised that [redacted] has in the past furnished them with considerable contacts in purchasing coin operated machines and that their association with [redacted] has always been favorable. They stated that they had no knowledge of any transaction sponsored by [redacted] in the area of Rock Island, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa, on or about March 1, 1951. Both men were reticent to discuss slot machine operations of the Mayflower Distribution Company and the Herman Paster Company. However, they admitted knowledge of the fact that both concerns have dealt in the selling and purchasing of slot machines.

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AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

[redacted] Cashier, Rock Island Bank and Trust Company, conducted a search of the checks reflected in the bank's recordac system. The recordac indicated that a check in the amount of \$2,000 had been deposited on March 5, 1951, by [redacted] of the [redacted] at the time he opened a new account. Instant uncanceled check, transitory in nature, was observed to have been dated March 1, 1951, numbered 1308, drawn upon the First National Bank, Minneapolis, payable to the order of the [redacted] in the amount of \$2,000 signed [redacted] and endorsed [redacted].

[redacted] suggested that for evidential purposes, a search of the First National Bank recordac system in Minneapolis, Minnesota, should be effected for the same check after having been cancelled.

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[redacted] Voss Bros. Transfer and Storage Company, was exhibited photographs of subject, [redacted] and GARDNER, and the truck used in transporting slot machines from the Voss Bros. Warehouse on March 2, 1951. [redacted] stated that at the time of the loading, he did not clearly see the vehicle, remembering only the words "air freight" and the size and type of the truck. The exhibited photographs appeared to be identical with the truck used. The rear doors of the truck were open at the time it was observed by [redacted].

The photograph of AL GARDNER appeared to be similar to the driver of instant truck according to [redacted]. However, the photograph of [redacted] was unidentifiable.

[redacted], Voss Bros. Transfer and Storage Company, upon exhibition of the afore-mentioned photographs, stated that the truck appeared to be the same type of vehicle used at the time of instant loading. However, he could not commit himself on either photograph of GARDNER or [redacted].

[redacted], Handelman and Wiesman Company, 2301 - 3rd Avenue, was exhibited instant photographs. He recalled vaguely that a person dressed in coveralls, drove the truck into the garage of his farm during the morning hours in early March, 1951. [redacted] identified the driver as being AL GARDNER. He recalled having asked the driver what type of haul was being conducted. The driver answered he was hauling for an air line company. [redacted] stated that although he recalls a tire having been repaired on instant truck, cash receipts reflecting this transaction would not be identifiable since no name was recorded. [redacted] described the driver as stocky, small in stature, approximately 50 years of age, and appearing to be of Jewish extraction. Although identifying the truck involved from photographs exhibited, [redacted] was unable to identify the photograph of [redacted].

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The following employees of Handelman and Wiesman Company, 2301 - 3rd Avenue, were unable to identify photographs or recall information pertinent to the investigation:

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Cash receipts, charge wholesale receipts and charge retail receipts of the Handelman and Wiesman Company for the dates February 26, 27, 28 and March 1, 2, 1951, inclusive, were examined by the reporting Agent without effecting evidence of the aforementioned tire repair job.

[redacted] and [redacted] ✓ Gardner Music Company, 1103 - 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, made a ledger and invoices available reflecting the sale by the Gardner Music Company of 18 slot machines to American Legion Post 26, Davenport, Iowa, as follows:

<u>Manfg.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mills	Jewel Bell	5¢	547066	May 21, 1948
Mills	Jewel Bell	25¢	547062	May 21, 1948
Mills	Jewel Bell	5¢	542089	June 5, 1948
Mills	Jewel Bell	5¢	543844	June 14, 1948
Mills	Jewel Bell	25¢	548647	July 16, 1948
Mills	Jewel Bell	10¢	549909	August 20, 1948
Mills	Jewel Bell	25¢	551850	September 22, 1948
Mills	Jewel Bell	5¢	549869	September 22, 1948
Mills	Bonus	25¢	554966	October 12, 1948
Mills	Black Gold	10¢	558983	December 10, 1948
Mills	Black Gold	5¢	564069	February 12, 1949
Mills	Black Gold	10¢	564462	March 11, 1949
Mills	Black Beauty	5¢	567888	April 8, 1949
Mills	Black Beauty	10¢	568063	May 16, 1949
Mills	Black Beauty	25¢	568221	June 14, 1949
Mills	Black Beauty	25¢	571802	August 1, 1949
Mills	Black Beauty	5¢	574227	September 9, 1949
Mills	Black Beauty	5¢	574776	October 18, 1949

Photographs of the pertinent ledger pages and invoices are in the process of being developed by the Springfield Division and will be forwarded the interested offices at the earliest possible opportunity. [redacted] mentioned that the slot machines had been originally purchased by him from the Automatic Coin Machine and Supply Company, 4135 Armitage Avenue, Chicago 29, Illinois.

It is to be noted that 5 of the above-listed slot machines are identical with those on the August, 1951, inventory forwarded the Attorney General in compliance with Public Law 906, of the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota as reflected by the files of [redacted] Official Registrar of Records, Room 3524, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. The 5 identical slot machines are as follows:

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Mills 5¢ Jewel Bell, Serial No. 543844
Mills 25¢ Jewel Bell, Serial No. 548647
Mills 10¢ Jewel Bell, Serial No. 549909
Mills 5¢ Jewel Bell, Serial No. 549869
Mills 10¢ Black Gold, Serial No. 564462

The 4 following slot machines are probably identical with those of the August, 1951, inventory:

Mills 5¢ Black Beauty, Serial No. 567888 (similar to Mills 5¢ Blue Bell, Serial No. 567888)
Mills 10¢ Black Beauty, Serial No. 568063 (similar to Mills 10¢ Blue Bell, Serial No. 568063)
Mills 25¢ Black Beauty, Serial No. 568221 (similar to Mills 25¢ Blue Bell, Serial No. 568221)
Mills 5¢ Black Beauty, Serial No. 574227 (similar to Mills 5¢ Blue Bell, serial No. 574227)

The 3 following machines compare favorably considering the possibility of erroneous transition of the serial numbers:

Mills 5¢ Jewel Bell, Serial No. 542089 (similar to Mills 5¢ Jewel Bell, Serial No. 542809)
Mills 25¢ Jewel Bell, Serial No. 551850 (similar to Mills 25¢ Jewel Bell, Serial No. 581880)
Mills 10¢ Black Gold, Serial No. 558983 (similar to Mills 10¢ Black Gold, Serial No. 258985)

✓
[redacted] Eddy's New York Tavern, 1607 - 2nd Avenue, upon interview was unwilling to commit himself regarding any transaction he may have had with [redacted]. It is apparent that [redacted] wishes to protect himself from the possible violation of having transported 10 machines from Davenport, Iowa, to Rock Island, Illinois, on or about February 24, 1951, in the company of WILLIAM KNOOP, Davenport, Iowa, tavern owner. [redacted] stated that he did not care to commit himself until he sought the advice of his attorney.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will obtain recordac copy of \$2,000 check drawn by [redacted] March 1, 1951, on the First National Bank of Minneapolis, payable to the order of the [redacted]. This check is No. 1308 and is endorsed [redacted].

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will re-examine August, 1951 inventory of Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, in possession of [redacted] Official Registrar of Records, Room 3524, U. S. Department of Justice, to determine whether the discrepancies in the serial numbers can be reconciled. The same records should be searched for subsequent inventories by the Mayflower Distributing Company which may reflect the listing of the serial numbers comparative to those of the ledger and invoices of the Gardner Music Company, Rock Island, Illinois, not previously determined to be identical with serial numbers listed in the August, 1951, inventory.

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THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

Will re-interview [redacted] [redacted] for information he may have concerning the transaction with [redacted] on or about March 2, 1951.

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AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Will forward photographic copies of appropriate ledger sheets and invoices of the Gardner Music Company, Rock Island, Illinois, indicating the sale of these machines to American Legion Post No. 26, Davenport, Iowa.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [] Washington
Field Office, dated October 10, 1951.

Report of SA [] Minneapolis,
dated October 12, 1951.

Report of SA [] Omaha, dated
November 5, 1951.

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TITLE <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></div> was. et al			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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1 cc Mc Henry
1-30-52*

The records of AGO, DPRB, Dept. of the Army, SLMO, indicate ALLEN I. NILVA, ASNs 37544128 and W-2129682, in U. S. Army 12-14-42 to 3-10-46. Honorably discharged as Warrant Officer Junior Grade by reason of excess of officers. No derogatory information.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of the Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, Department of the Army, for ALLEN I. NILVA, Army Serial Number 37 544 128, indicates that he was inducted into the United States Army on December 14, 1942 and entered on active duty on December 28, 1942 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He was honorably discharged on April 30, 1945 as a Technician Fourth Grade from the Headquarters Company 5322nd, Army Post Office 432, to accept appointment of Warrant Officer Junior Grade. Records reflect subject was appointed Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Army Serial Number W-2129682 on May 1, 1945 at the 5322nd United States Army Section Army Post Office 432. He was relieved from active duty on March 10, 1946 as a Warrant Officer Junior Grade from the Headquarters Southeast Asia Command, at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, by reason of excess of officers.

He served one year, eleven months and fourteen days in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon and the American Theatre Ribbon.

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ENCL His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent.
51 There is no record of courts-martial, AWOLs or derogatory information. *no*

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The following background and descriptive information is contained in the record:

Date/Place of Birth:	September 14, 1911, Ivnitza, Russia
Height:	5' 4"
Weight:	160
Race:	White
Hair:	Blond
Build:	Heavy
Complexion:	Ruddy
Education:	Graduate of University of Minnesota (1935)
Civilian Occupation:	Lawyer
Military Occupation:	Claims Officer
Addresses:	283 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota
Employments:	Nilva & Frisch Co., 302 Minnesota Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. Member of the Minnesota Bar Association
Relatives:	Sister - BESSIE NILVA FRISCH, 1830 Hillcrest Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota Mother - SARAH NILVA, 283 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota Father - LOUIS NILVA, 283 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota

Naturalized May 19, 1920, Certificate of Naturalization 1366934
Local Draft Board Number 8 at Ramsey Co., Minnesota, Order Number 1398

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU, CHICAGO,
MILWAUKEE, MINNEAPOLIS,
OMAHA AND SPRINGFIELD:

One photograph of ALLEN I. ~~NILVA~~

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One copy of this report is being designated for the Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Springfield offices for information as requested in Minneapolis letter to Bureau dated November 26, 1951.

REFERENCE: Minneapolis letter to Bureau dated November 26, 1951.

Re: [REDACTED] was. et al

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ENCL. TO BUREAU: One photograph of ALLEN I. NILVA

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Name: ALLEN I. NILVA
Born: 9-14-11, Ivmitza, Russia
Height: 5' 4" ~~AG~~
Weight: 160 ~~C~~
Race: white ~~C~~
Hair: blond
Build: Heavy
Complexion: Ruddy
Civilian
Occupation: Lawyer

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ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OMAHA

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE JAN 18 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/4, 9/52	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] GEN:MAS
TITLE [REDACTED] was, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

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1-28-52*

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Monthly inventories of gambling devices for September, October and November, 1951, submitted by Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, and its Omaha branch to Attorney General showing serial numbers which are identical with those on August, 1951, inventory. No discrepancies noted in Department of Justice file concerning serial numbers or machines sold to American Legion Post 26, Davenport, Iowa. November, 1951, inventory shows instant seven machines and others have been shipped on November 5, 1952, to Hugh Roach Sales Company, 714 Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. Photostatic copies of current inventories being sent to Omaha.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

[REDACTED], Office of Official Registrar of Records, Room 3524, United States Department of Justice, made available the file containing correspondence and inventories of gambling devices and parts submitted to the Attorney General covering the company's principal place of business, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and its branch at [REDACTED]

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1209 Douglas Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Monthly inventories of gambling devices for September, October, and November, 1951, submitted by the Mayflower Distributing Company, show serial numbers which are identical with those on the August, 1951, inventory. The only changes are those affecting sales previously reported as described in the last report from this office dated October 10, 1951, and sales which are indicated in this report.

The company by letter dated October 1, 1951, to the Attorney General, submitted inventories and records of sales and deliveries at the close of the month of September, 1951. Pertinent excerpts of this letter are set forth.

"There have been no sales nor deliveries from our principal place of business, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. There has been a sale from our branch office at 1209 Douglas Street, Omaha, Nebraska as follows: September 28, 1951, 2 Keeney two way Super Bonus 5 and 25¢ Denomination, serial numbers 2969 and 2973 were sold to the ~~Phelps Tobacco Company~~ of Fremont, Nebraska. These two units were sold within the State of Nebraska with this specific understanding that they were to be used as amusement games only. No carrier was involved in the shipment of these two units, as they were picked up at our place of business in Omaha, Nebraska, by the purchaser in his own truck."

The only change in the September, 1951, inventory over the August, 1951, inventory is the deletion of serial numbers of gambling devices number 2969 and 2973 from the September, 1951, inventory.

The company letter of October 31, 1951, to the Attorney General submitted its inventory and the sales and deliveries as of the close of the month of October, 1951. The last paragraph of this letter is being set forth.

"There have been no sales or deliveries from our principal place of business, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, or from our branch office at 1209 Douglas Street, Omaha, Nebraska, during the month of October, 1951, and the respective inventories for our principal place of business and for our branch office remain the same as at the close of the previous month."

It is noted that the October, 1951, inventory is identical with the September, 1951, inventory.

The company letter of November 30, 1951, to the Attorney General submitted its inventory and record of sales and deliveries as of the close of the month of November, 1951. Paragraphs two, three and four of this letter are set out.

"During the month of November there has been a sale from our principal place of business 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, to Hugh Roach Machine Company, 714 Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. The complete list of the equipment covered by this sale is set forth and described on pages one, two, three and four of the exhibits attached hereto. This merchandise was shipped from St. Paul, Minnesota on November 5, 1951, via Gepner Trucking Company at 2205 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota and the name and address of the consignee is the Hugh Roach Sales Co., 714 Main St., Las Vegas, Nevada."

"There was another sale during the month of November from our branch office at 1209 Douglas Street, Omaha, Nebraska to the Lawrence Novelty Reg'd., 1436 Notre Dame W., Montreal 3, P.Q. Canada. The complete list of the equipment in this sale is set forth and described on page five of the exhibits attached hereto. This merchandise was shipped to the Lawrence Novelty Co. Reg'd., 1436 Notre Dame W., Montreal 3, P.Q. Canada on November 26, 1951, via Watson Bros. Transportation Co., Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska.

"The remaining inventory at the close of November 30, 1951, at our principal place of business 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota is set forth and described on page six of the exhibits attached hereto and the remaining inventory at the close of November 30, 1951, at our branch office 1209 Douglas Street, Omaha, Nebraska, is set forth and described on page seven of the exhibits attached hereto."

It will be noted that paragraph two of this letter refers to pages one, two, three and four of the attached inventory. Page one of this attachment revealed part of the November, 1951, inventory of certain machines is identical with the August, 1951, inventory set forth on page two of referenced report made at Washington, D.C. Pages two, three

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and four of this attachment described only parts with no serial numbers listed. Page five of the attachment is set out as follows:

"Shipped To: Lawrence Novelty Reg'd.
1436 Notre Dame W.
Montreal 3, P.Q. Canada

on November 26, 1951
via Watson Bros. Transportation Co., Inc.
Omaha, Nebraska

From: Omaha Office, Mayflower Distributing Company
on November 26, 1951.

5 Triple Bells 5-10-25¢ Bally 1538-2750-2405

5-5-25¢ Bally 1968-1588 "

Paragraph four refers to pages six and seven of the attachment of company letter dated November 30, 1951, which represents the remaining inventory of Mayflower Distributing Company as of that date. The inventory on page six for the St. Paul office of the company is identical with the August, 1951, inventory for the St. Paul Office set forth on page three of referenced report from Washington Field Office. The inventory for the Omaha branch of the company as of the close on November, 1951, is identical with the August, 1951, inventory except that the November, 1951, inventory reflects the deletion of the serial numbers for the five Triple Bells, 1538-2750-2405-1968-1588, and two Two Way Super Bonus 5 and 25½ Keeney, 2973 and 2969. Other machines on the August, 1951, inventory for the Omaha branch are identical with those listed on pages three and four of referenced report from Washington Field Office.

The only items in the Department of Justice file concerning the Mayflower Distributing Company which have not already been photostated and submitted to Omaha are the three letters from the company mentioned in this report. Photostatic copies of these three letters and attachments included as an attachment to the Omaha copies of this report.

No discrepancies were noted in the Department of Justice file concerning serial numbers of seven machines sold

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to the American Legion Post 26, Davenport, Iowa. The November, 1951, inventory shows that instant seven machines along with others were shipped on November 5, 1951, to Hugh Roach Sales Company, 714 Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Minneapolis Office by letter to Directory, copy to this office, dated November 27, 1951, requested that unless it has already been done, Washington Field would check the records of appropriate agencies in Washington to obtain all information and if possible a photograph regarding [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. As indicated in report of [REDACTED], Special Agent, dated May 1, 1951, at Washington, D.C., no record was found of affiliation with offices of civilian defense, or Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington, D.C., concerning [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. b6 b7C

ENCLOSURES:

TO OMAHA

Letter to Attorney General from Mayflower Distributing Company dated October 1, 1951, enclosing inventory and record of sales and deliveries as of the close of the month of September, 1951, with attachment.

Enclosure consists of six pages and identifies machines at St. Paul and Omaha and inventory of parts.

Letter to Attorney General from Mayflower Distributing Company dated October 31, 1951, enclosing inventory as of the close of the month of October, 1951.

Inventory consists of six pages identifying machines at St. Paul and Omaha and inventory of parts.

Letter to Attorney General from Mayflower Distributing Company dated November 30, 1951, enclosing inventory as of the close of the month of November, 1951.

Attachment page five is a record of sale of five machines to Lawrence Novelty Reg'd., Montreal, Canada. Enclosure consists of seven pages and identifies machines at St. Paul and Omaha as well as a number of machines and parts sold to Hugh Roach Sales Company, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated
December 1, 1951, at Springfield, Illinois.

Letters from Minneapolis to Director dated
November 27, 1951, and December 29, 1951.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted]
made at Washington, D.C., dated October 10,
1951.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1
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REPORT MADE AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/17/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/3,4/52	REPORT MADE BY CF
TITLE [redacted] was., ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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First National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, does not have photograph of \$2,000 check given by [redacted] but data obtained from their records. Newspaper morgues in Minneapolis and St. Paul checked with negative results for photograph of [redacted]. [redacted] furnished data concerning Federal income tax returns of Paster Distributing Company, et al.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Assistant Cashier, First National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that if a customer of their bank cashed a check in Illinois, they would have no photograph or negative of that check as when it arrives at their bank it is placed in the file for that particular customer and at the end of the month it is returned to the customer. [redacted] stated that they photograph some of the checks which they themselves receive at their bank and which they send to out-of-town banks.

[redacted] confidentially furnished the following information but stated if it is to be used, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to the bank and the officials in charge will then designate an appropriate employee to produce the necessary records in response to the subpoena.

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[redacted] in charge of the Intelligence Division, Department of Internal Revenue, Room 1040, New Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised on January 3, 1952, that they have no pending investigative file on HERMAN PASTER for violation of income tax laws. He advised that the regular Internal Revenue Bureau Unit would handle PASTER'S return in the usual routine manner but that if anything unusual were noted, the return would then be transferred to his division. He also advised they have no pending case on [redacted] or ALLEN NILVA.

At the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press, St. Paul, Minnesota, Agent visited the library which contains the "morgue" and was advised that they have no newspaper clippings at all regarding [redacted] or ALLEN NILVA or the Mayflower Distributing Company. However, they had a newspaper clipping for HERMAN PASTER which appeared in the "St. Paul Dispatch" for May 18, 1951, and which reflects that a St. Paul man plans a \$6,000,000 home project in Las Vegas, Nevada; that HERMAN PASTER, 1752 Pinehurst Avenue, head of Paster Enterprises, operates in St. Paul, Omaha, and Milwaukee; that according to Las Vegas newspaper accounts, PASTER has purchased one hundred twenty acres near the Municipal Golf Course in the Nevada city and that plans call for the construction of modern and medium-priced homes. The article further reflects that no definite date for the start of construction has been set as yet according to ALLEN NILVA, Attorney for PASTER.

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The file contained another newspaper clipping which appeared in the "St. Paul Pioneer Press" for October 24, 1951, which made reference to HERMAN PASTER of Dairy Way, Incorporated.

They also had another newspaper clipping which contained a photograph of Mrs. HERMAN PASTER which appeared in the "St. Paul Pioneer Press" for December 20, 1948. The Article reflects that Mrs. PASTER was chairman of the luncheon given by the Sons of Jacob's Sisters. The article revealed that among those present were MANLEY FRISCH, LOUIS GOLLOP (newspaper reporter), and LOUIS NILVA.

Agent also looked over the newspaper clippings of SAMUEL TARAN but they did not contain any photograph of [redacted].

At the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, Portland and Fifth, Minneapolis, Minnesota, [redacted] in the library advised they had no newspaper clippings regarding [redacted]. However, she had a newspaper clipping which made reference to JAKE HENRY NILVA dying in the last war. This clipping, which was dated in November, 1946, revealed that JAKE NILVA was a brother of Mrs. MANLEY

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L. FRISCH and his parents were listed as Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS NILVA, 283 Carroll venue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

[] also had a newspaper clipping dated January 8, 1945, which made reference to some Twin Cities soldiers in Ceylon bartering for tropical fruit with the natives. The picture, which is somewhat poor, listed the names of the persons from left to right and made reference to T/5 ALLEN NILVA, St. Paul, being on the extreme left.

[] also located a glossy photo for an individual named HARRIET NILVA, age nineteen, whose picture appeared in the paper on September 30, 1943, as she was held up by a bandit in the Melodee Record Shop, 706 Hennepin Avenue.

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Agent borrowed from [] the cut for the picture of ALLEN NILVA and the glossy photo of HARRIET NILVA and through the assistance of [] Identification Division, Minneapolis, Minnesota, three photos were made from the cut of ALLEN NILVA and two photos of HARRIET NILVA were made, which photos are being retained in instant file with the exception of one set which is being sent to the Omaha Office.

It is not known definitely whether the photograph of HARRIET NILVA is identical with the HARRIET NILVA who is [].

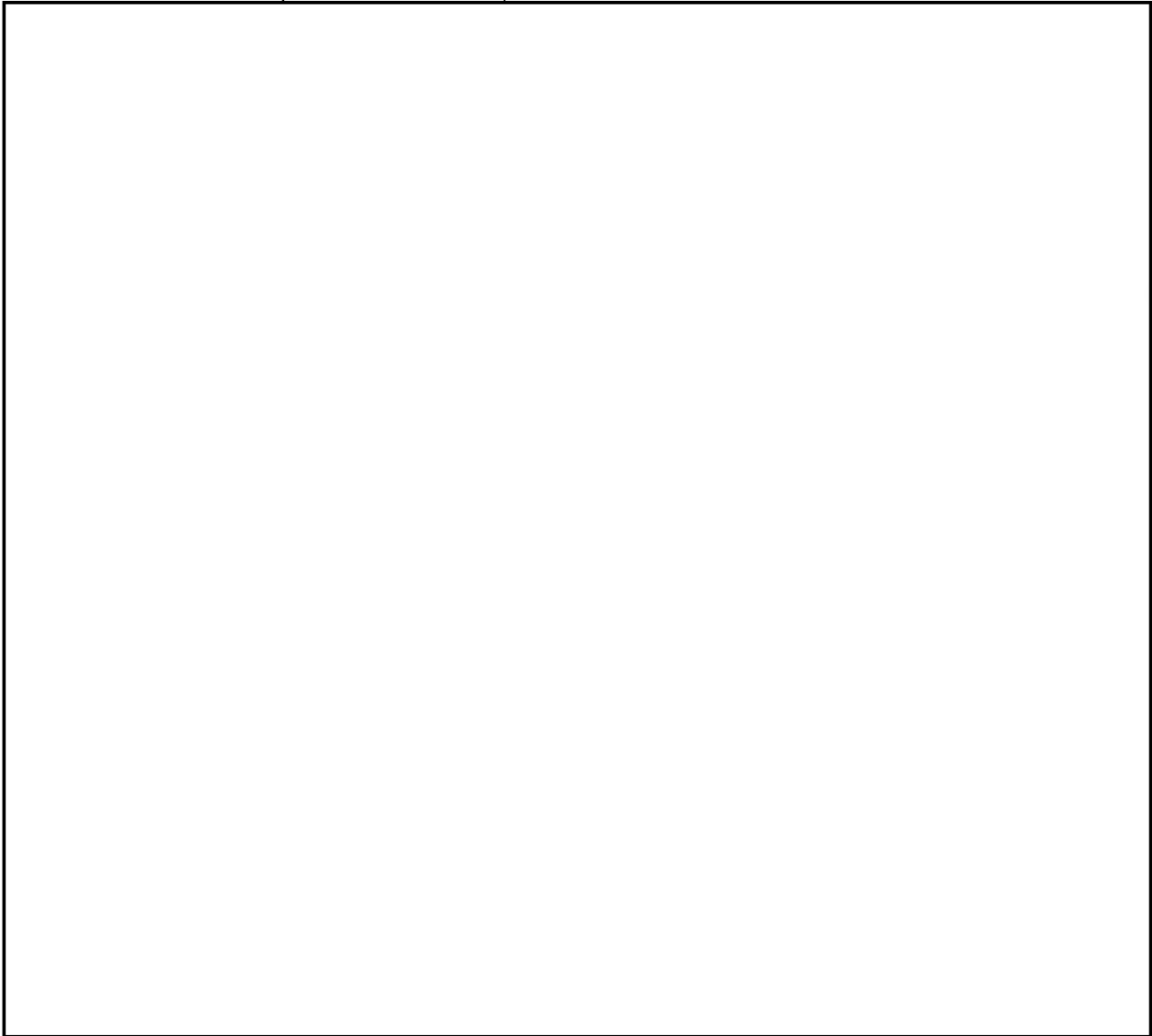
[] rechecked his records and advised he had no record for anyone named HARRIET or [] NILVA ever being arrested.

The above-mentioned cut and glossy photo were returned to [] on the same date they were borrowed.

[] of known reliability, advised that []

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Instant file reflects that a search of the files at the Department of the Navy reflects that [REDACTED], Navy Serial Number [REDACTED], enlisted on August 29, 1940, and received a medical discharge on December 26, 1940. His date of birth was listed as [REDACTED].

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The New York Office has been requested to review the Navy file for [REDACTED] at Garden City, New York, to obtain additional information as well as a photograph.

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A search of the files at the Department of the Air Force indicates there is a record for a [REDACTED], Air Force Serial No. [REDACTED], and the St. Louis Office was requested to review that file and obtain a photo.

The Identification Division of the Bureau advises that [REDACTED], AFSN [REDACTED] has been assigned FBI No. [REDACTED], and the following is the complete identification record, including description:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
OCD, Wash., D. C.	[REDACTED]	Applicant		
		1/24/41		
CAA, Wash., D. C.		Applicant		
		F. P.		
		1/30/42		
SOS, Army		Laborer		
		4/27/42		
Army		5/12/42		
		Mpls.,		
		Minn.		
PD, Wilmington, Del.		[REDACTED]		
		6/5/42		

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Sex
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Weight
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Build
Scars and Marks
Birth

[REDACTED]

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Citizenship
Address

A rectangular box with a black border, used to redact information, likely a name or address.

NCLOSURE TO OMAHA:

1 photo on which T/5 ALLEN NILVA appears on extreme left who is believed identical with ALLEN NILVA of the Paster Distributing Company.

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1 photo of a HARRIET NILVA who possibly may be identical with  although not definitely known.

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I N F O R M A T I O N:

The Chicago, Milwaukee, and Springfield Offices are being furnished copies of this report inasmuch as they all have outstanding leads and are interested in instant investigation.

L E A D S:

THE OMAHA OFFICE

At Omaha, Nebraska

Will review the information obtained from the First National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding the \$2,000 check to determine whether or not any additional investigation need be conducted, especially if such information or evidence is desired in court.

Will follow investigation being conducted by the New York and St. Louis Offices relative to obtaining additional information and a photograph of [REDACTED], details of which appear in Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated January 7, 1952.

THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

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At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will report results of investigation presently being conducted regarding instant case.

I N F O R M A N T:

[REDACTED] is Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated January 5, 1952, which reflects that the Minneapolis Office was furnished photostatic copies of income tax returns which have been obtained from the Secretary of the Treasurer. These returns, of course, contain further detailed information and can be referred to if the occasion arises.

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R E F E R E N C E S:

Report of SA [REDACTED], Springfield, dated December 1, 1951.
Minneapolis memorandum to Bureau dated December 29, 1951.
Report of SA [REDACTED], Minneapolis, dated January 7, 1952.
Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated January 7, 1952.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OMAHA**

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/12/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/10, 12, 20, 21, 26/51; 1/2-4, 6/52	REPORT MADE BY MWM:fk
TITLE ALBERT H. GARDNER, WAS.; HERMAN PASTER			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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1-31-52*

Milwaukee Telephone Exchange Hilltop 4-5615 and 4-5625 not found to be of interest to instant investigation. Telephone Exchange Hilltop 4-5425, listed to the Paster Distributing Company, Inc., 2606 W. Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, a subsidiary of Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, Wholesalers, "coin machines" and novelties. HERMAN PASTER registered at Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 2/21/51, departing following day, and review of hotel account indicates nothing of interest. Check of leading Milwaukee hotels failed to disclose Milwaukee registration HERMAN PASTER for 2/22/51 through 3/15/51.

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Special Agent [] assisted in the investigation conducted at Milwaukee, in connection with which, the actual investigation by this Special Agent is specifically set out in the body of instant report. Investigation at Racine and Sturtevant was conducted by Special Agent [].

DETAILS:AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Confidential Informant, Milwaukee [], of known reliability, ascertained and reported the following data concerning Milwaukee telephone numbers called from the "Blackhawk," Davenport, Iowa, on March 2, 1951 by Subject [].

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As of March 2, 1951, this number was issued to [], Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is a two-party residence

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service. The installation was made without informational or credit background being ascertained.

[redacted]
As of March 2, 1951, this number was issued to [redacted]
[redacted] Milwaukee, and has one office extension within
the premises. The credit of this account has been satisfactory, and
it appears that a residence listing for this same individual is carried
under [redacted], Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Neither of the names [redacted] or [redacted] have prior
record with the Milwaukee Division, and since the listed telephone
number of Pastor Distributing Company, Inc., 2606 West Fond du Lac
Avenue, was said to be HILLTOP 4-5425, no further inquiries are being
directed towards them at this time.

HILLTOP 4-5425

Confidential Informant, [redacted] further ascertained that the
above number is listed to Pastor Distributing Company, Inc., 2606 West
Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee, and consists of three "trunk lines" under
telephone HILLTOP 4-5425, 26 and 27. Additional listings for
HILLTOP 4-5425 include the ~~Pastor Novelty Company~~ and ~~AMI Phonograph~~
~~Sales and Service Company.~~

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Regarding a check of the long-distance traffic of the above listing,
Confidential Informant, [redacted], advised that he had ascertained
through reliable contacts that all toll tickets for the month of
February, 1951 were destroyed on ~~August~~ 31, 1951, and for March, 1951
were destroyed on September 30, 1951. In this connection it is pointed
out that regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission provide for
destruction of such records after being retained for six months period.

It is known from past investigative experience that the Wisconsin
Telephone Company is incorporated under the laws of incorporation of the
State of Wisconsin, and that any subpoenas duces tecum should be
addressed to [redacted]
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BACKGROUND DATA

The records of [REDACTED]

HOTEL CHECKS

[REDACTED] Schrooder Hotel, 509 West Wisconsin Avenue, advised, upon interview, that while he is not personally acquainted with any of the Subjects, that the Paster Distributing Company, 2606 West Fond du Lac Avenue, does maintain an approved account, by which charges may be made by personnel of that company, which are automatically charged to the account and billed at the end of the month to the Paster Distributing Company. Through [REDACTED] Schrooder Hotel, the "City Lodger" account of the Paster Distributing Company was located along with the supporting registrations and charges thereon. Upon review, these reflect that on February 14, 1951 at 9:00 P.M., [REDACTED] 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, registered and was assigned to Room 1525. Further, that on February 15, 1951 at 8:26 A.M., one [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] at telephone [REDACTED] Wisconsin, charges fifty-five cents (\$.55), plus Federal Tax of fourteen cents (\$.14), total - sixty-nine cents (\$.69). The abbreviation [REDACTED] is understood to be a local abbreviation for [REDACTED]. These records further reflect that at 7:10 P.M. on February 15, 1951 [REDACTED] called [REDACTED], time consumed seven minutes, charge one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) plus Federal Tax of thirty-two cents (\$.32), total - one dollar and fifty-seven cents (\$1.57). A review of the Room Folio ~~book~~ for this registration reflects substantiations of these charges. Upon checking out February 16, 1951, this bill was transferred to the account of the Paster Distributing Company.

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[redacted] also produced original registration card of HERMAN PASTER, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, who registered at the Schroeder Hotel at 6:21 P.M. February 21, 1951, and was assigned to Room 1104. A review of the hotel long-distance toll charges for this account reflects call on February 21, 1951 at 12:23 (period of day not shown) to [redacted], St. Paul, Minnesota, charges one dollar (\$1.00) plus Federal Tax of twenty-five cents (\$.25), total - one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25). A review of the Room Folio ~~and~~ substantiated this charge. Upon checking out February 22, 1951 this registration cost was transferred to "City Lodger" account of Paster Distributing Company.

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A review of the "City Lodger" account of the Paster Distributing Company, Inc., 2606 West Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee, through [redacted] reflects no activity on this account between the period of February 22, 1951 and March 15, 1951. A check of the individual registration cards for the same period under the name of Subjects disclosed no further registrations.

The original of the above eight items were obtained and marked for identification. They are being forwarded herewith to the Omaha Division. The Schroeder Hotel Company is a Wisconsin corporation with [redacted], principal office being maintained at the Schroeder Hotel, 509 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee.

In further efforts to determine if HERMAN PASTER was registered at any of the remaining leading Milwaukee hotels during period of February 20, 1951 to March 15, 1951, the registration records of the following hotels were negatively checked by Special Agent [redacted]:

PLANKINGTON HOUSE, [redacted]

HOTEL WISCONSIN, [redacted]

HOTEL MARYLAND, [redacted]

PFISTER HOTEL, [redacted]

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Confidential Informant, [] of known reliability, upon interview, stated that to his knowledge HERMAN PASTER is not in any way involved in the selling or transportation of slot machines or other similar devices within the State of Wisconsin; that he personally knows HERMAN PASTER as the principal figure of the Paster Distributing Company, Inc. of St. Paul, Minnesota, which has operated for a number of years a Milwaukee branch under an independent management. Source informed that he heard that HERMAN PASTER is involved in slot machine operations within the State of Minnesota, but that he, Informant, knows nothing personally of these operations and understands the above information purely from a standpoint of "rumor." Source further informed that it is his definite impression that the Milwaukee operation, while of the "novelty" make, is, nevertheless, of a legitimate type. Source commented that the Wisconsin State anti-Gambling Laws have been rather severely enforced within the State for the past number of years, with the results that it is now the common practice of gambling interests to remain out of the confines of the State of Wisconsin.

AT RACINE AND STURTEVANT, WISCONSIN:

The current Racine-Sturtevant Telephone Directory lists [] [] Sturtevant, Wisconsin, [], with the additional listing of Hinton's Music Service.

[] Sturtevant Branch of the Bank of Franksville, Wisconsin, a highly reliable individual and [] of local American Legion Post, upon interview, informed that he is well acquainted with [], both socially and from banking activities. Source stated that [] is a reputable businessman who, among other things, has a number of pinball machines, football and bowling game machines in operation in taverns and restaurants in Sturtevant and its immediate area. Source informed that he has never known of [] being connected in any way with any illegal operations.

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[] Undersheriff, Racine County, a reliable

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individual who is well known as a magician in Racine area, upon interview, verified the fact that [] has a number of pinball machines of non-payoff type, as well as football and bowling games which he operates. Source stated that [] is a legitimate operator and has never been known to be connected with any gambling or illegal syndicates.

A check of the records of the Racine Police Department and Sheriff's Office discloses no prior record identifiable with [].

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ENCLOSURES: To Omaha -- One Registration Card [] - Milwaukee Exhibit 1
(Registered) One Long Distance Charge #4964 - MI Exhibit 2
One long Distance Charge #4990 - MI Exhibit 3
One Account [] Schroeder Hotel - MI Exhibit 4
One Registration Card HERMAN PASTER - MI Exhibit 5
One Long Distance Charge #973 - MI Exhibit 6
One Account HERMAN PASTER, Schroeder Hotel - MI Exhibit 7
One City Lodger - Pastor Distributing Company - MI Exh. 8

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THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

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AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA:

If deemed necessary, and in keeping with State Statutes of the investigation being conducted by the Minneapolis Division, will make appropriate inquiries concerning telephone numbers [redacted] called by [redacted] at 7:10 P.M., 2/15/51; telephone [redacted] called by HERMAN PASTER 2/21/51.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted], Omaha, dated 11/5/51.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT Springfield, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 1-21-52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-13-51; 1-11-52	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> JWM:mc
TITLE <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> was., ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ill., unwilling to
 commit himself regarding 3-2-51 transaction with

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DETAILS:

AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

*1. McInerney
 2-5-52*

upon re-interview
 remained unwilling to commit himself regarding any trans-
 action he may have had with on or
 about March 2, 1951.

It is to be noted that exhibits rather intense
 nervousness regarding this matter and has offered as an
 excuse for his reticence that if a person were to testify
 as to any such transaction, "he might get his head blown
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REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED], dated December 1, 1951 at Springfield.
Springfield letter to Minneapolis, with copies to Omaha and Chicago,
dated December 13, 1951.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (71-3129)

DATE: January 25, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (71-247)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was, ET AL
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Rebulet January 16, 1952. A check was made of records of the Civil Service Commission, Marine Corps and Navy Department for information regarding the subject. Records of U. S. Navy, Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia, reflect [REDACTED] NSN [REDACTED] was discharged December 26, 1940, and that his file is now at Garden City, New York.

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The New York Office is requested to obtain all information re subject's background and past activities and secure copies of photograph if available. Sutel Omaha and Minneapolis if photograph is available, send copies of photograph to Omaha and Minneapolis.

Attached for the information of the New York Office is a copy of the report of SA [REDACTED] Minneapolis, March 22, 1951, which contains certain background information re [REDACTED] Omaha origin. RUC. Expedite request.

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Omaha (71-216)
Minneapolis (71-161)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (71-3129)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (71-161)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was.

DATE: January 29, 1952

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INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

ReBulet to Minneapolis dated 1/7/52 requesting the New York Office to review the Navy records regarding [REDACTED] and to obtain a photograph.

The New York Office is requested to expedite this investigation and if a photograph is located sutel Minneapolis and Omaha.

The St. Louis Office should also refer to Bureau letter dated January 7, 1952, regarding [REDACTED], AF - 17079232 and to the report of SA [REDACTED], St. Louis, dated May 1, 1951.

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Inasmuch as the Omaha Office is very desirous of obtaining a later photograph of [REDACTED], it is requested that the St. Louis Office re-examine the file of [REDACTED] to determine whether the same contains any additional information from which leads can be obtained and set forth in an effort to possibly obtain a later photograph.

It is noted that in the St. Louis report dated May 1, 1951, reference is made to [REDACTED] being eliminated from pilot training and it is felt that if he were even considered for pilot training that undoubtedly some governmental agency must have photographed him at that time.

If the St. Louis Office is able to locate a photograph, the Minneapolis and Omaha Offices should be advised by teletype.

RNP:CAG

cc 2-New York (AM)
1-Omaha (71-206)
1-Chicago (71-514)
1-Springfield (71-100)
2-St. Louis (71-213)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (71-3129)

FROM : *WAB* SAC, Minneapolis (71-161)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was. ET AL
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DATE: January 29, 1952

Re Report of [REDACTED], New Orleans, dated
January 11, 1952.

Inasmuch as the indices of this office make no
reference to APEX DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, Fargo, North
Dakota, or to [REDACTED] or to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] this office has opened two separate Interstate
Transportation of Gambling Devices investigative
files. Investigation regarding the APEX DISTRIBUTING
COMPANY and [REDACTED] will be made and reported
in those files rather than in instant [REDACTED] case.

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cc: Omaha (71-206)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (71-3129)
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (71-161)
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was. ET AL
 ITGD

DATE: January 29, 1952

Re our memo to Bureau dated 1/7/52.

[REDACTED] Potential Criminal Informant, Fairmont, Minnesota, appeared at this office on 1/8/52 and he reiterated that he has known HERMAN PASTER, [REDACTED] ALLEN NILVA and SAM TARAN for years.

[REDACTED] advised that some time ago he heard a remark from someone, whose name he could not recall, that HERMAN PASTER and his crowd were purchasing slot machines, and that they contemplated selling them out of the country. However, he did not know to what country they would be shipped, nor did he possess any additional information.

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In regard to obtaining a later photograph of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated he believed that within the last year or two [REDACTED] attended a convention in Minneapolis for coin machines and that he believed a group picture was taken. He stated he could not recall at what hotel the convention was held, but felt that he possibly had a copy of this photograph at his home, and he stated that he would check on this matter and if he had a photograph would communicate with this office, however, as yet no word has been received from him.

When questioned as to what magazine might contain a photograph of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that possibly the Billboard Magazine Company, with offices in Chicago, might possibly have a photo, or that the "Cashbox" Magazine, with headquarters in the Empire State Building, New York City, might have a photo.

It is being left to the discretion of the Omaha Office, who is the origin, as to whether they desire to have investigation conducted in Chicago and New York in an effort to obtain a later photograph of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] also advised that if he obtains any additional information concerning PASTER and his associates, that he will furnish same either to this office or the Omaha Office.

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CC - Omaha (71-266)
66-New (OWENS)

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Inasmuch as [] has been written up as a Potential Criminal Informant by this office, the Omaha Office should see to it that the Minneapolis Office is furnished with an extra copy of a report or letter which might contain any future information furnished by [], and that the same should be designated for [] 66 classification file.

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SAC, Minneapolis

January 9, 1952

Director, FBI

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There is enclosed a photostatic copy of the corporation income tax return, Form 1120, of Progress Finance Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.

Enclosure

cc: Omaha

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The Honorable

The Attorney General

Mayflower Distributing Company, et al.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Further reference is made to your letter dated August 25, 1951, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting, in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, uncertified copies of the income tax returns of Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and of certain other persons for the years 1949 and 1950.

There is enclosed a photostatic copy of the corporation income tax return, Form 1120, of Progress Finance Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.

By direction of the Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

E. J. McFarney
Deputy Commissioner

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*Let to Minneapolis
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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of copies, 2-8-52*

Records of NRMC, Garden City, LI, NY, reviewed and information set out.

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DETAILS:

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At Garden City, Long Island, New York.

On January 28, 1952, the records of the Naval Records Management Center, Garden City, were reviewed by SE and reflect that , Serial Number , entered the military service at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 29, 1940, in the rank of Apprentice Seaman.

The records show he was born on Minnesota. At Great Lakes, Illinois, on December 26, 1940, he was discharged with a Special Order Discharge by reason of physical defects. The diagnosis was

The following additional pertinent information was reflected:

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[redacted] address was reflected as [redacted]
[redacted] St. Paul, Minnesota. His mother's name was reflected
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There was no photograph available in the records.

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REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Minneapolis, 1/7/52.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT MINNEAPOLIS	DATE WHEN MADE 2/7/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/30/52	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div> JDD
TITLE <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> was., ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In regard to possibility of prosecuting Holly Sales Company and Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, for failure to register with Attorney General, USA, St. Paul desires to be furnished with opinion of USA, Chicago, regarding Como Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

As is noted in Minneapolis report, dated 1/7/52, the matter of whether the Paster Distributing Company and the Holly Sales Company not being registered with the Attorney General was previously discussed with Mr. C. U. LANDRUM, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, and at that time he mentioned he was going to write to the Attorney General, Washington, D. C.

By letter dated 1/22/52 C. U. LANDRUM advised that he received a letter from the Attorney General giving his opinion with relation to the question of whether or not the so called

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"Hollycrane" machine is a gambling device as defined by Public Law 906, and Mr. LANDRUM transmitted a copy of that opinion which is a letter dated 1/16/52, submitted by the Honorable Attorney General of the United States, and which is as follows.

"With respect to the applicability of Public Law 906 to mechanical devices known as "Hollycranes", as you know, subsection (a) (2) of the first section of Public Law 906 defines a gambling device as:

"any machine or mechanical device designed and manufactured to operate by means of insertion of a coin, token, or similar object and designed and manufactured so that when operated it may deliver, as the result of the application of an element of chance, any money or property."

"Information received by the Department indicates that there are two types of "Hollycranes":

"1. A Free-Play Model, designed and manufactured to operate by insertion of a coin and designed and manufactured so that when operated it indicates only free games won as the result of an application of an element of chance.

"2. A Merchandise Model, designed and manufactured to operate by means of insertion of a coin and designed and manufactured so that when operated it may deliver property as the result of the application of an element of chance.

"In connection with this matter, recently, representatives of the Como Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois, advised this Division that the company has bolted shut the door on the Merchandise machine itself so that, in the event a prize is won by a player the machine itself could not deliver the item won. Instead, an attendant hands over to the winner a duplicate of the article. The Department is inclined to the view that a Merchandise Model Hollycrane modified in this matter may be a gambling device within the scope of Public Law 906.

"Regarding the information set forth in your letter, we are of the opinion that if a machine, as designed and manufactured, comes within the purview of Public Law 906, the retention of the key to the pay out chute by a manufacturer is not sufficient to take the machine outside the scope of the law.

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"After you have perused the views set forth herein, the Department would appreciate receiving your comments regarding the applicability of Public Law 906 to the Hollycrane machine which are being sent by the Como Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois, to the Hollycrane Sales Company, St. Paul, Minnesota."

In Mr. LANDRUM's letter, dated 1/22/52, he called attention to the last paragraph of the Attorney General's letter, and he advised that he would be pleased to discuss the factual situation as to the machines referred to therein.

On 1/30/52 agent contacted C. U. LANDRUM, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, who advised that he has noted that some of the reports submitted in instant case, especially the Albany report dated 12/5/51 reflects that apparently the Como Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois shipped "Hollycrane" machines to the Paster Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that several of these machines, apparently in the same original cartons were then re-shipped by the Holly Sales Company, 22 University Avenue, St. Paul, to Brunett in Vermont.

Mr. LANDRUM also remarked that some of the previous reports reflect that the Attorney General for the State of Minnesota has held that "Hollycrane" machine are legal.

Mr. LANDRUM advised that he was desirous of knowing whether or not the Como Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois, was registered with the USA in Chicago, Illinois, and Mr. LANDRUM's attention was directed to a Chicago report, dated 1/14/52 in the case entitled, Como Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES, which report discloses that on 12/12/51 records of the USA, Chicago, failed to reflect that the Como Manufacturing Company is registered.

Mr. LANDRUM's attention was also directed to the fact that this report reflects that on December 5, 1951 AUSA JOSEPH E. TOBIN, Chicago, was going to study the general instructions issued by the Como Company, and after such study he would render an opinion as to prosecutive action regarding the Manufacturing Company.

Mr. LANDRUM advised that he would like to know what decision or opinion was rendered by the USA in Chicago, as to prosecutive action regarding the Como Manufacturing Company.

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Mr. LANDRUM advised that if he would authorize prosecution in Federal Court in St. Paul against the Paster Distributing Company and the Holly Sales Company for either transporting "Hollycrane" machine or for failure to be registered with the Attorney General, that they could possibly bring in as good defense the fact that the Attorney General for the State of Minnesota has ruled that such machines are legal, and Mr. LANDRUM stated that if the USA at Chicago, Illinois has declined prosecution, that they no doubt would make reference to that fact and accordingly it would be quite difficult for him to possibly obtain a conviction in Minnesota and for that reason he desires to be advised of the above request before giving a further opinion.

The Cincinnati Office has advised by letter, dated 1/24/52, in the case entitled INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES, that issues of Billboard Magazine from 1/1/49 through 1/12/49 reflected that certain companies and individuals advertised gambling devices during that period.

It is to be noted that the Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, advertised on 11/4/50 and 12/23/50 regarding the following:

- Coin Machines
- Consoles and Slots
- Clover Bells
- Bally Triple Bells
- Bonus Super Bell
- Mills Jewel Bell
- Twin Bonus
- Super Bonus
- Bally Double Up
- Bally Wild Lemon
- Mills Black Cherry
- Pace Chrome Front No. 47
- Pace 8 Star Chrome

The Paster Distributing Company, 2606 W. Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 11/4/50 advertised regarding the following merchandise:

- Coin Machines
- Consoles and Slots
- Clover Bells

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Bally Triple Bells
Bonus Super Bells
Mills Jewel Bells

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The Springfield Office is being furnished with a copy of this report inasmuch as they are interested in instant investigation.

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THE ALBANY DIVISION

At Albany, New York

Will submit a report designating copies for the United States Attorneys, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Des Moines, Iowa, which should contain the latest developments and the disposition of the five "Hollycrane" machines which were seized in Vermont.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will refer to Chicago File 71-580, entitled Como Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES, the report of SA [redacted] Chicago, dated 1/14/52, and if not already done, will recontact AUSA JOHN E. TOBIN regarding his opinion. Submit results of that opinion not only in Chicago file 71-580, but in instant [redacted] file and designate copy for USA, St. Paul.

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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will refer to Cincinnati Memo to Bureau dated 1/24/52, entitled ITSMV, SURVEY, ITGD, and unless already done, will conduct inquiries concerning the Paster Distributing Company, 2606 West Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At St. Paul, Minnesota

Upon receipt of a report from the Chicago Office reflecting recontact with AUSA, Chicago, will recontact C. U. LANDRUM, USA,

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St. Paul, relative to his prosecuting Paster Distributing Company and Holly Sales Company.

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will continue to report results of additional investigation and continue to report other general information which is received concerning instant investigation.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED], dated 1/7/52, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. b6 b7C

Report of SA [REDACTED], dated 1/14/52 at Chicago, Illinois, entitled Como Manufacturing Company of Chicago, Illinois, ITGD, (Chicago file 71-580) (Minneapolis file (71-226)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (71-3129)

FROM : *WAB* SAC, Minneapolis (71-161)

SUBJECT: [redacted] was;
ET AL; ITGD.

DATE: 2/18/52

Re: New Orleans teletype, February 11, 1952.
Our teletype, February 12, 1952.

On February 12, 1952, [redacted], potential criminal informant, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that the Mayflower Distributing Company, et al, have no favorite companies to make shipments and that they give business to all, thereby making it necessary to contact many companies in the Twin Cities to determine who might ship the parts to New Orleans, as is set forth in their teletype dated February 11, 1952.

[redacted] further advised that although HERMAN PASTER has promised him on numerous occasions to make him [redacted], he has not yet done so although he stated just recently someone at the Paster Distributing Company told him that PASTER wanted to see him after his return from Florida. [redacted] advised that in the next day or two he will make a visit to the Paster Distributing Company and, if possible, will endeavor to obtain some information regarding the above mentioned parts shipment without he himself making any open inquiries.

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[redacted] further stated that every now and then he visits the Paster Distributing Company and that he has noted during the past several months that everyone out there seems to be very "cozy" and seems to be suspicious of each other and no one seems to have anything to say.

WAB [redacted] further remarked that during the past winter carnival in St. Paul WALTER JOHNSON attended one of the old time square dances and apparently had a few extra drinks; that at this time JOHNSON remarked that he is fed up with his job and expressed dislike for the Paster Distributing Company. [redacted] remarked, however, that he was very doubtful whether JOHNSON would cooperate with the FBI if openly contacted for the reason that JOHNSON has taken care of their books for so many years that he himself no doubt is involved very deeply with HERMAN PASTER, et al. [redacted] did not believe that JOHNSON would be in a position to cooperate.

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TITLE:			CHARACTER:
[redacted], was. Etal			INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

SYNOPSIS: Records of slot machine shipments to HERMAN PASTER, St. Paul, Minnesota; VFW Club Post 3914, Charles City, Iowa; and Iowa Falls Elks Club, by Bally Manufacturing Company; O. D. Jennings Company, and Mills Industries, all of Chicago, set out.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

[redacted], Bally Manufacturing Company, 2640 West Belmont Avenue, advised that the last shipment made by his company to HERMAN PASTER at St. Paul, Minnesota, occurred on December 19, 1950 at which time seven Triple Draw Bells were shipped to the Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

These machines bore serial numbers 1208; 1205; 1213; 1230; 1233; 1235 and 1238. According to [redacted] these machines were shipped via the ABC Freight Forwarding Corporation, 222 West Roosevelt Road, and were shipped on invoice number 1365 dated December 13, 1950.

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[] advised that at the time of this shipment, the company was unloading, in view of the fact that it was apparent that such shipments would soon be outlawed. The following list of eighteen console flat-top slot machines were shipped to the Mayflower Distributing Company on December 12, 1950:

1061	1209
1068	1214
1069	1218
1070	1221
1071	1222
1073	1223
1077	1226
1204	1229
1206	1231

[] stated that these above listed eighteen machines would list price for \$995 each.

[] Bell-O-Matic Corporation, 4100 West Fullerton Avenue, advised that only one slot machine is recorded in his records as having been shipped to Iowa Falls Elks Club. [] stated that no serial number is available on this machine which he described as a 25¢ Golden Falls shipped on April 17, 1947, C.O.D. to [] of the Elks Club.

[] O. D. Jennings Company, advised that his records reflected the shipment of five slot machines purchased on August 12, 1947 by the VFW Club, Post 3914, Charles City, Iowa. These machines were shipped to 309 First Avenue, Charles City, Iowa.

[] stated that two of these machines were 5¢ Standard Chiefs, serial number 116384, and 116589. Also shipped were two 10¢ Standard Chiefs, serial numbers 167065 and 167130, together with one 25¢ Standard Chief, serial number 166631. [] stated that these machines were shipped via the Takin Brothers Motor Freight Company with \$1,212.70 balance, C.O.D.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [] dated November 29,
1951 at Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Report of SA [] dated December
6, 1951 at Omaha, Nebraska.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/18/52

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (71-

SUBJECT: PASTER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY;
MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
GAMBLING DEVICES

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Recently [] of Fairmont, Minn., a potential criminal informant of the Minneapolis Office, who was originally contacted at Mason City, Ia. by SA [], recently transferred to SOG, advised SA [] as follows:

[] said that he has recently learned through a source in St. Paul, Minn., which he did not divulge, that practically all of the slot machines believed to have been purchased by one or both of the above companies have been going to Florida from whence they are reportedly going out by boat to Cuba for redistribution to various Latin American countries. [] said he could not develop any information concerning the marshaling point in Florida where such slot machines might be assembled but he believes that he may be able to develop additional information on that point if given a little time. He indicated that he would be willing to abide by any suggestion that the Bureau might have to offer in directing his efforts to obtain additional information.

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[] went on to state that one [] and one [], both former residents of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, are now employed by the Bush Distributing Co. operating out of Miami and Tampa, Fla. The Bush Distributing Co. is allegedly operated by [] who is stated to be the distributor for Wurlitzer machines throughout Cuba, as well as some of the Southeastern states. [] said that [] is the [], while [] is a []. He is of the opinion that [] might be induced to disclose whatever information he might have concerning any relationship which captioned companies might have to the Bush Company, which might be within the purview of the Bureau's interests and responsibilities under Public Law 906. [] said that [] is a heavy drinker and has a tendency to divulge confidential information when under the influence of liquor.

[] pointed out that [] and [] are all friends of HERMAN PASTER, who has been in Miami, Fla. during the past month or so. [] is of the opinion that none of the above three men would voluntarily and knowingly cooperate with the Bureau, but suggested that if informants are available to the Bureau in the Miami area who are in position

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to obtain information concerning the matters of pertinent interest, that such informants might be able to cultivate them, or one of them, particularly [] to divulge the marshaling point or points for slot machines in Florida.

[] reliability is unknown to the Omaha Office, however, he appears to be cooperative and emphasized that he has it from a reliable source that the bulk of any slot machines owned by the above companies or other interests owned or controlled by HERMAN PASTER of St. Paul, Minn. are located somewhere in Florida.

For the information of the Miami Office, the Paster Distributing Co. and Mayflower Distributing Co. have their headquarters in St. Paul, Minn. These companies are considered to be among the largest dealers in the United States in the coin operated machine field and have, in the past, not only acted as dealers, but have also been manufacturers and re-conditioners of slot machines.

The Omaha Office is the office of origin in the case entitled [] was., Et Al; ITOGD", Bufile 71-3129, Minneapolis file 71-161. In connection with that and other investigations, a substantial amount of information has been developed by the Minneapolis Office and other offices which would tend to indicate that there is a strong possibility that the above companies, or other interests controlled by HERMAN PASTER, have been engaged in illegal traffic in slot machines and other types of devices which fall within the purview of Public Law 906.

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It is suggested that the Minneapolis Office furnish to the Miami Office a sufficient general background of such suspected operations and also such additional information as might be considered of interest or value to the Miami Office in connection with the above information supplied by [].

At the time of receiving the above information, SA [] advised [] that he was being transferred from the Omaha Division and would no longer be in position to receive information from him, and that [] could supply any further information which might come to his attention to the Minneapolis Office.

The Omaha Office is opening a file captioned per the title of this letter, into which will be reported all subsequently received information concerning the activities of those companies, and their employees or representatives, which does not appear to have specific relevance to the above-titled [] case.

It is suggested that the Minneapolis Office do likewise and that Minneapolis be origin in such case, this for the reason that the Minneapolis Office covers the headquarters of both companies, the residences of their owners, executives, and employees, and would appear to be in much better position to coordinate and direct investigations which generally concern those establishments and their activities.

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A. Prosecutive Summary in the above [] case is presently being prepared by the Omaha Office, in the process of which information pertaining directly to that case will be set forth in that report, remaining material in that file concerning captioned companies to be placed in the file being opened as above-indicated, UACB.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (71-3129)
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (71-161)
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was., ET AL
 ITOGD

DATE: February 25, 1952

Reourlet 12/17/51 to Bureau setting forth reasons why a separate file should be opened on [REDACTED] which would contain the prosecutive summary report and subsequent reports, and that the title be changed in the now mentioned [REDACTED] case and that there be placed therein additional information which will be developed concerning the Paster Distributing Company, ET AL.

Omaha letter to Bureau, Minneapolis and Miami, dated 2/18/52 is entitled PASTER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY; MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES, which letter reflects that the Omaha Office is opening a new file captioned as above, into which will be incorporated all additional information concerning the activities of those companies and they request that the Minneapolis Office do likewise.

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It might be mentioned that instant [REDACTED] case in this Office consists of five volumes which volumes contain detailed background data concerning the Paster Distributing Company, ET AL.

If this Office opens a new case in accordance with Omaha letter dated 2/18/52 entitled Paster Distributing Company; Mayflower Distributing Company, ITOGD, that means that this Office will have in fact two files relating to the Paster Distributing Company, ET AL, and it will be noted that reference will then have to be made to the five old volumes which are now entitled [REDACTED] was. ET AL, ITOGD, Minneapolis file 71-161.

As is mentioned in our letter of 12/16/51, it was suggested that the Omaha Office open a new file on [REDACTED]. It is still believed that a separate file should be opened for [REDACTED] for the reason that as soon as he is prosecuted this case will no doubt be closed where as activities of the Paster Distributing Company will no doubt be under investigation continuously.

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Since the opening of the [] case there has been placed therein copies of Federal Income Tax Returns of Paster Distributing Company, ET AL, including reports relative to the Mayflower Distributing Company submitting inventories to the Attorney General's Office and so forth. By opening a new separate file for the Paster Distributing Company, ET AL, this Office will then in fact have two separate and distinct files leading to the same subject matter.

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The above mentioned Omaha letter, dated 2/18/52, is therefore being placed in instant [] file and Bureau advice and suggestions are desired as to how this matter should be handled.

In regard to the Miami Office, it might be stated that that Office has numerous other files containing other reports that contain background data concerning HERMAN PASTER and his close associate SAMUEL TARAN, who now resides in Florida.

If the Miami Office receives any information relating to HERMAN PASTER and his associates the same should be immediately furnished to the Bureau and offices receiving copies of this communication.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (71-3129)

DATE: February 26, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (71-711)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was., ET AL
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Submitted herewith is an additional copy of the report
of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/31/52 at NYC.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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All inventories and correspondence concerning Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, being transmitted herewith.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

official Registrar of Records, Room 3524, United States Department of Justice, produced the Attorney General file concerning the Mayflower Distributing Company. The entire file concerning all inventories and correspondence both received by the Attorney General and transmitted by the Attorney General has been photostated and is being transmitted herewith.

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TO OMAHA:

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REFERENCE:

Omaha letter to Bureau dated February 15, 1952.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>1cc McGurney</i> <i>3-7-52 fl</i> U.S. Attorney St. Paul, Minn. advises that "buttons" do not come within purview of Public Law 906 and declines prosecution. Additional background data obtained regarding past activities of HERMAN PASTER. <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> DETAILS: The New Orleans Office advised by teletype dated February 11, 1952, that the Mayflower Distributing Company would ship some parts within the next few days to New Orleans, Louisiana, and that the parts consist of "buttons" which will convert Hollycrane machines to a free play machine; that HERMAN PASTER, with Mayflower Distributing Company, then intended to have the machines shipped from New Orleans, Louisiana to Canada and has obtained an export permit for the machines. Minneapolis letter dated February 18, 1952, reflects that a potential criminal informant mentioned therein advised that the Mayflower Distributing Company, et al, have no favorite companies to make shipments, and that they give business to all, thereby making it necessary to contact many companies in the twin cities to determine who might ship the parts to New Orleans. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> Railway Express Agency, St. Paul, Minnesota, Cedar 7751, advised that he would endeavor to locate this shipment if at all possible and that he would be on the lookout for the next week, and up to the present time no information has been received from him.			
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The writer and SA [] on February 12, 1952, discussed the above facts with C. U. LANDRUM, U. S. Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, who stated in his opinion the "buttons" referred to do not come within the purview of Public Law 906 and he declined prosecution.

The New Orleans Office advised by teletype dated February 13, 1952, that the U. S. Attorney at New Orleans, Louisiana, likewise declined prosecution.

The Milwaukee report dated January 12, 1952, reflects that [] on February 15, 1951, telephoned [] in Minneapolis and that HERMAN PASTER on February 21, 1951, telephone EMerson 6900.

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The December, 1951 Minneapolis Telephone Directory lists [] as living at [] and as having telephone number []

The June, 1951, St. Paul telephone directory lists HERMAN PASTER as living at 1752 Pinehurst Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and as having telephone number EMerson 6900.

The Minneapolis report dated January 7, 1952, reflects that HERMAN PASTER and his crowd have been delivering some pinball machines to Dave's Distributing Company, 1815 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

[] Minneapolis Credit Bureau, Minneapolis, Minnesota advised SE [] that Dave's Distributing Company, 1815 Riverside Avenue paid promptly and had a high credit rating.

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised SE [] they had no record for Dave's Distributing Company

[] Auditing Department, First National Bank, 5th and Marquette, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that the official who could produce pertinent records mentioned in Minneapolis report dated January 17, 1952, was [] and [].

Instant file also contains information relative to the Progress Finance Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, filing a U. S. Corporation Income Tax Return for the period July 1, 1950, until June 30, 1951. The above company reported they were incorporated June 16, 1947 in Minnesota and their principal business activity is contract financing. W. D. JOHNSON

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was listed as treasurer.

As a result of information appearing in this file, the Bureau was advised that separate cases were opened regarding the Apex Distributing Company, Fargo, North Dakota, and regarding [redacted].

In a recent interview with [redacted] of the Black Hills Novelty Company, Deadwood, South Dakota, by SA [redacted], he voluntarily furnished the following information concerning the Paster Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

[redacted] advised that PASTER owned two companies, the Paster Distributing Company and the Mayflower Distributing Company, address unknown. He further stated that PASTER was formerly associated with SAM TARAN, who according to rumor is now operating out of Miami, Florida.

[redacted] stated that during the recent war, PASTER had 15 or 20 men assembling Mills Slot Machines as the manufacturing company in Chicago was working on war contracts. PASTER, according to [redacted], was charging as high as \$700 or \$800 for each of these machines and was selling them to places as far west as Nevada since there were no other machines on the market at that time.

He further added that he believed that PASTER owns half of the Hollycrane Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois, manufacturers of Hollycrane and Rotary Digger Machines. [redacted] advised that PASTER had a cousin in Minneapolis or St. Paul, but could not furnish his name.

[redacted] stated that PASTER would let a small operator have \$15,000 or \$20,000 worth of equipment and take a mortgage on it in order to enable the small operator to close out his competitor. PASTER would then let the small operator get two or three payments behind and then foreclose if the payments could not be met.

[redacted] stated PASTER had taken over many small places this way and is now reportedly worth well over one-million dollars. [redacted] said that PASTER is about to close out [redacted] of [redacted], Rapid City, South Dakota. [redacted] is a small operator who operates out of his own home and handles juke boxes, slot machines (when he can get them) and pinball machines.

A separate investigative file has been opened on [redacted]

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The Bureau, Omaha and other offices were advised by letter dated February 13, 1952, that [redacted] has been mentioned in connection with the case entitled [redacted]
[redacted], alias [redacted]; ITOGD - CONSPIRACY.

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The Chicago, Milwaukee and Springfield Offices are being furnished copies of this report for information purposes inasmuch as they are all interested in the investigation of this case.

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NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

Will incorporate in a report information appearing in New Orleans teletype to Minneapolis dated February 11, 1952, and New Orleans teletype dated February 12, 1952, regarding "buttons".

MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA:

Will continue to report additional information which is received or developed concerning subject.

Will incorporate into a subsequent report additional information which is presently being obtained from Minneapolis Telephone Company regarding Dave's Distributing Company, 1815 Riverside Avenue, Atlantic 5321, as appears in Minneapolis report dated January 7, 1952.

INFORMANT

[REDACTED]

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated January 7, 1952 at Minneapolis

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated February 7, 1952 at Minneapolis

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated January 12, 1952 at Milwaukee.

Omaha letter to Bureau dated February 15, 1952.

Minneapolis memo to Omaha dated February 21, 1952.

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March 4, 1952

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Reurlet 2-15-52.

You requested that you be advised of any successful prosecutions which have been obtained in cases based on similar facts as this case. To date no contested case has been noted by the Bureau which has a similar set of circumstances to this case.

It is suggested that the U. S. Attorney may desire to communicate with the Department if questions regarding any procedure or interpretations of the ITOGD statute are desired.

A summary report in this investigation should be immediately prepared by the Omaha Office and copies of this report should be designated for the Minneapolis Division.

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TO : Director, FBI (71-3129)

DATE: 2-15-52

FROM : SAC, Omaha (71-206)

SUBJECT: [redacted] was., ET AL

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ReNYlet 12-7-51.

AUSA CLOID I. LEVEL, Southern District of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, advised on 2-14-52 that a Special Grand Jury for the court of the above district will be convened on or about 3-10-52 for the specific purpose of investigating gambling, racketeering and related matters. He has said that it is probable that this case will be presented to the GJ on the basis of the transportation of slot machines purchased by [redacted] and GARDNER from American Legion Post #26, Davenport, Iowa, and transported by them to Rock Island, Illinois, from Davenport on or about 3-2-51.

Mr. LEVEL has requested that a prosecutive summary report be available to him by 3-3-52 in order that he may have sufficient time in which to select and subpoena such witnesses as may appear to be necessary. Preparation of this summary report has been commenced by the Omaha Office.

Mr. LEVEL indicated that he is still reserving opinion as to prosecution of HERMAN PASTER under the General Conspiracy Statute and probably will not reach a conclusion on this matter until he has had an opportunity to review the prosecutive summary report. It is noted that [redacted] has still been unable to locate the letter which he received from PASTER demanding [redacted] preferred attention to the lining up of slot machines in Iowa for purchase by the PASTER interests and that [redacted] is strongly of the opinion that he probably destroyed the letter shortly after its receipt by him.

Mr. LEVEL has suggested that the Bureau advise the Omaha Office of any cases bottomed upon facts similar to those involved in instant case where successful prosecution was had, this in order that he might directly contact the USA Office, which handled such cases, for procedural suggestions, if that should appear to be desirable.

It is requested that the offices receiving copies of this letter conduct the following investigation and submit the results thereof to reach the Omaha Office not later than 2-25-52 in order to permit the inclusion of

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the information developed in the prosecutive summary report.

The attention of the Chicago Office is directed to the fact that investigation previously conducted by the Springfield and Omaha Offices reflect that included in the quantity of slot machines sold by American Legion Post #26, Davenport, Iowa, to [] and GARDNER on 3-1&2-51 were the following:

- 1 Mills 5¢ Black Beauty (O&U) SN 574227
- 1 Mills 25¢ Black Beauty (O&U) SN 568221
- 1 Mills 5¢ Black Beauty SN 567888
- 1 Mills 10¢ Black Beauty SN 568063

It is further noted that in inventories filed with the Attorney General under Public Law 906 the Mayflower Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, has reflected ownership and possession of the following:

- 1 Mills 5¢ Blue Bell SN 574227
- 1 Mills 25¢ Blue Bell SN 568221
- 1 Mills 5¢ Blue Bell SN 567888
- 1 Mills 10¢ Blue Bell SN 568063

It is believed, but unestablished, that the four above mentioned Black Beauty machines are probably identical with the four above mentioned Blue Bell machines, inasmuch as other machines known to have been sold by said Legion Post to [] and GARDNER have been reflected in the same inventories of the Mayflower Distributing Company. In this connection it is requested that the Chicago Office contact an appropriate qualified official of the Automatic Coin Machine and Supply Company, 4135 Armitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and ascertain if the above machines bearing the same serial number in each classification are not the same and identical machines in each case. In contacting this official, it is suggested that a specific statement be elicited from him to the effect that no two Mills machines, regardless of type, would bear the same serial number.

It is further requested that an appropriate official of the same company be requested to verify from sales records of that concern the fact that the following Mills machines were sold by the Automatic Coin Machine and Supply Company to the Gardner Music Company, 1103 - 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. In this connection it is noted that the records of the Gardner Music Company reflect sale of all these machines to the above American Legion Post, and that investigation reflects these machines would necessarily have been included in the 28 machines sold by that Post

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to [] and GARINER on or about 3-1 or 2-51. In the event that it may be of assistance in covering this lead, it is noted that the records of the GARINER Music Company indicate that these machines were purchased new from the Automatic Coin Machine and Supply Company and that they were sold to the above Legion Post in chronological order as they appear in the following list, the first being under date of 5-21-48 and the last sale being dated 10-18-49. The list of such machines is as follows:

<u>Manfg.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>
Mills	Jewel Bell	5¢	547066
Mills	Jewel Bell	25¢	547062
Mills	Jewel Bell	5¢	542089
Mills	Jewel Bell	5¢	543844
Mills	Jewel Bell	25¢	548647
Mills	Jewel Bell	10¢	549909
Mills	Jewel Bell	25¢	551850
Mills	Jewel Bell	5¢	549869
Mills	Bonus	25¢	554966
Mills	Black Gold	10¢	558983
Mills	Black Gold	5¢	564069
Mills	Black Gold	10¢	564462
Mills	Black Beauty	5¢	567888
Mills	Black Beauty	10¢	568063
Mills	Black Beauty	25¢	568221
Mills	Black Beauty	25¢	571802
Mills	Black Beauty	5¢	574227
Mills	Black Beauty	5¢	574776

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The Chicago Office is requested to advise the identity and address of the official of the Automatic Coin Machine and Supply Company who can testify to and produce documents concerning such information as is developed in connection with above requests.

The Minneapolis Office is requested to contact appropriate officials of the First National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to ascertain the name of the official who could produce the pertinent records of that bank mentioned in the report of SA [], 1-17-52, Minneapolis, and who would testify in relation thereto if it is determined that a subpoena duces tecum should be issued for said records.

The Springfield Office is requested to advise the name of the official who would produce the records and Recordac film or photograph of the

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Rock Island Bank and Trust Company, Rock Island, Illinois, relating to the check given by [redacted] to [redacted], mentioned in the report of SA [redacted], 12-1-51, Springfield, in the event that it may be desired that a subpoena duces tecum be issued for such bank records.

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The Springfield Office is also requested to ascertain discreetly the identities of the person, or persons, interested in the ownership and operation of the Quad-City Amusement Company, 319 - 20th Street, Rock Island, Illinois, as of 3-1-51, it being noted that a telephone call was made from the home of [redacted], LeClaire, Iowa, to the telephone of that company on that date, which call might be pertinent to this case.

The Washington Field Office is requested to procure and furnish to the Omaha Office authenticated copies of all inventories filed with the U. S. Department of Justice or the Attorney General of the United States by the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, within the purview of Public Law 906, and also to procure and furnish certified copies of all letters from said company which may be found in connection therewith.

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TO

Director, FBI

DATE: March 7, 1952

FROM: *WJB*
for
SUBJECT:SAC, Minneapolis (71-157-20) *Air Port**lc*
UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF GAMBLING DEVICES *1-1*
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Bureau letter dated February 11, 1952 entitled "INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES, MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION" (71-157-20), reflects that each military installation possessing gambling devices prior to January 2, 1951, as a part of its Officers' Clubs, Non-Commissioned Officers' Clubs, should be contacted and information obtained as to the identity of the individual or company purchasing the gambling device.

This letter further reflects that the identifying data concerning each device sold, including the serial number, should be obtained. The purchasers of these machines should be checked to determine what disposition has been made by them of the device.

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The Pending case entitled "SURVEY OF GAMBLING DEVICES ON WHICH \$150 TAX WAS PAID TO COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA; ITOGD" (71-183), as well as the case entitled "CRIME AND VICE CONDITIONS IN RURAL MINNESOTA" (94-102), contains two cards which were previously received from the Collector of Internal Revenue which relate to individuals and firms who paid the federal tax on coin operated gaming devices.

One of these cards reflects that the Chief Petty Officers Mess / Open / Naval Air Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota; paid tax in July, 1950 on four coin operated gaming devices and received Stamp No. 2311.

The other card reflects that the Commissioned Officers Mess, United States Naval Air Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota, in July, 1950 paid tax on eight coin operated gaming devices and received Stamp No. 6883.

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Re: U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
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These two cards have been transferred from Minneapolis File 94-102 and are being placed in instant file for future reference.

The above captioned case is being opened as a result of this information, and appropriate investigation will be conducted in accordance with Bureau instructions appearing in Bureau letter dated February 11, 1952 with two enclosures as well as in my memo to all Agents dated February 29, 1952.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, OMAHA (71-206)

DATE: 3/10/52

SUBJECT: [redacted] was., Et Al;
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTING OF
 GAMBLING DEVICES

Remylet 2/18/52 captioned "PASTER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY;
 MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY: ITOGD".

On 2/25/52, [redacted] was interviewed, at which time she stated that she prefers that she be regarded as a confidential informant and that her identity, together with the fact that she is furnishing any information in this matter, be kept strictly confidential. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said she is a poor hand at remembering dates and cannot even recall with certainty the month during which any of the letters referred to her transpired.

She said that during the fall of 1950 and the winter of 1950-1951; up to sometime during March, 1951, [redacted] an employee of the captioned companies and [redacted] of HERMAN PASTER, the President and chief party and interest in both companies, made frequent trips to the Davenport, Ia. area in connection with the sale of juke boxes to various juke box operators in the vicinity and for the further purpose of collecting accounts receivable from customers of captioned companies.

As early as during the late fall of 1950, [redacted] discussed rather prolifically about the interest of the above companies and [redacted] HERMAN PASTER, in procuring all available slot machines. [redacted] said that this sort of conversation was of no interest whatsoever to her and, for this reason, she paid scant attention, resulting in her inability to give more specific details at this time. She stated, however, that she was positive that on several occasions subsequent to 1/2/51, [redacted] made statements in her presence which indicated that the above companies were trafficking in slot machines on a large scale and she received the impression that the machines were being marshalled at the headquarters of these companies, which is in

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St. Paul, Minn., and from there shipped by truck to distant points in a very clandestine manner. She also recalled [] having stated, probably during February or March, 1951, that until recently, HERMAN PASTER and the above companies had been utilizing the services and equipment of some independent trucker in or near St. Paul, Minn., for the purpose of transporting machines sold by captioned companies to unidentified purchasers outside the state of Minnesota. She further recalled that [] stated that they were now compelled to haul their own machines, as the trucker whom they had formerly employed had learned that he was actually transporting slot machines and had thereafter refused to do any more hauling, because of his fear of involvement in criminal proceedings.

In conclusion, [] stated that [] mentioned the names of states and perhaps cities which he identified at the time as the points to which the above machines were being transported. She stated that she is positive also that he mentioned New Orleans, La. as one of such destinations. She is not certain, but she believes that he also used the phrase "upstate New York" and may have mentioned the state of Arizona. She seems to recall, however, that he indicated that the bulk of the machines were going to New Orleans. She is positive that this particular conversation transpired subsequent to 1/2/51 and that [] at the time, indicated that such operations were then current.

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[], furnished the following information on 2/25/52:

[] said that during February, 1951, he had occasion to be in St. Paul, Minn. and dropped in at the headquarters of the above companies, which are located in a building occupied solely by those concerns and located on University Avenue.

[] happened to be in at the time and proceeded to show [] through the building. [] is unable to recall whether it was on 2nd or 3rd floor of the building that [] showed him a very large room completely filled with slot machines. [] seems to recall, but cannot be positive, [] told him at the time how many slot machines were in storage there and again, he cannot be positive, but it is his recollection that [] stated there were 2500 or 3000 machines in the room. [] said that, judging from the

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tremendous number of machines he saw, he would say that at the very least, there must have been 2000 machines stored in the room.

At the same time, [] indicated the interest of the above companies and HERMAN PASTER in buying every available slot machine in good condition; also, that he indicated that they had outlets for every machine which they could acquire.

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If the information supplied by [] or [], set forth above, is ever used in an investigative report or made available to any sources other than Bureau personnel, same should be adequately protected by a confidential informant symbol.

All of the foregoing information was submitted to SA []
[] at Davenport, Ia.

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The above information is being supplied to the Minneapolis Office for such value as it may have and such action as may be deemed advisable by that office.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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USA, Burlington, Vt., at direction of Department of Justice on 12/7/51, authorized release of five holly-crane machines seized by Bureau agents at U.S. Customs Station, Richford, Vt., 11/23/51. Department advised USA, Burlington, no violation inasmuch as some in foreign commerce. not known, Burlington, Vt.

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DETAILS:

AT BURLINGTON, VERMONT:

United States Attorney, JOSEPH A. MC NAMARA advised that he had authorized the release on December 7, 1951, of the five holly-crane machines seized by Bureau agents at the United States Customs Station, Richford, Vermont, on November 23, 1951. United States Attorney MC NAMARA advised that he had authorized the release of these machines inasmuch as the Department of Justice had advised him that there was no violation of the statute in this matter by the transporting individuals inasmuch as these machines were going in foreign commerce

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Deputy Collector of the Richford Customs Station, Richford, Vermont, advised that he had

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been instructed by the United States Marshal to turn these machines over to [] of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and that he had done so.

The Burlington Police Department, Burlington Credit Bureau, city and telephone directories, and Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, failed to reflect or know any such person as [] in the Burlington, Vermont area.

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The Chicago Office is being furnished with a copy of this report inasmuch as they are interested in the instant investigation.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED], 2/7/52,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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